PRESIDENT: After all, you see, these cattle can move from place to place only with the Central Government's co-operation. But anyway the Central Government and the various provincial Governments have all come to the unanimous conclusion that Travancore deserves the importation of 200 heads of cattle. It is one thing for the decision to be arrived at and another for the cattle to be actually moving.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: In the last Session we remember to have got the same reply from the Government. How long will it take the recommendation to be put into effect?

PRESIDENT: What does the honourable member suggest? Practically every week or fortnight The Government of India have been approached by us in regard to this and other urgent needs. Apparently the Government of India are not thoroughly convinced of our position.

MR. K. M. PAUL: May I now the authority which issues permits regarding the importation of the cattle.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: The Madras Government.

Water Supply at Varkala.

123. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer has submitted a scheme for water supply at Varkala from the springs inside the tunnel?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mepral Canal.

124. * **MR. K. A. MATHEW**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had received about 4 years back a memorial from the people of Mepral, Tiruvella taluk for widening and deepening the Mepral canal; and

(*b*) what action they have taken in regard to it?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A detailed investigation was conducted and the nature of the work to be done was ascertained; but as the ryots benefited were not prepared to pay the cess under the Irrigation Act, nothing further could be done.

Irrigation works.

125. * **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amounts budgeted for irrigation works in 1119 and 1120 (i) in the whole State; and (ii) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Devicolam; and

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(b) the amounts spent on irrigation works in 1119 (i) in the whole State; and (ii) in the taluks of Muvattupuzha and Devicolam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) (i) Rs. 4,64,863 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 5,93,050 for 1120 M. E.

(ii) Rs. 2,743 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 1,743 for 1120 M. E. in the taluk of Muvattupuzha and Rs. 3,073 for 1119 M. E. and Rs. 3,383 for 1120 M. E. in the taluk of Devicolam.

(b) (i) Rs. 3,45,991.

(ii) Rs. 1,152 in the taluk of Muvattupuzha and Rs. 1,875 in the taluk of Devicolam.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the balance amount of 1119 has been carried forward to 1120?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, it has been carried forward to 1120.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Considering the urgency of this Irrigation question, has the Government contemplated revising the whole scheme and putting into operation a new scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Government have, under contemplation a number of irrigation schemes which are in various stages.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has inspected any of the irrigation canals and irrigation works?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Quite a lot of them.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Is the Chief Engineer convinced of the necessity of giving immediate relief to the agriculturists.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: As quickly as possible.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the object with which an irrigation board has been organised?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: In order to expedite the progress.

Irrigation sluice in Kothachira.

126. * MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether tenders were invited for the construction of an irrigation sluice in Kothachira in Thazhekara pakuthy in Mavelikara taluk;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether any tender has been accepted; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, whether any work was executed as per estimate and plan, if not why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (a) Yes. Twice.

(b) Yes.

(c) None; the selected contractor failed to start the work.

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